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Amendment No. 1 to SB0112

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 112*

House Bill No. 554

By deleting all language following the enacting clause in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 of this act as a new Part 17.

SECTION 2.

(a) The general assembly finds that:

(1) a disabled volunteer may be able to provide assistance in improving the services provided by Tennessee's nursing homes;
and

(2) the use of a disabled volunteer in a nursing home could greatly benefit the volunteer as well.

(b) It is the intent of the general assembly in enacting this part to determine what roles and responsibilities that a volunteer with a disability could effectively assume in a nursing home and to provide for the establishment of a demonstration project to confirm the value of a disabled volunteer in a long term care facility.

SECTION 3.

(a) The commissioner of health is hereby authorized to develop, in conjunction with representatives of the Tennessee Health Care Association, the Tennessee Disability Coalition and the Tennessee

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Commission on Aging and Disability, a framework that delineates the functions that a disabled volunteer could safely assume in a nursing home, to establish appropriate goals and objectives for a demonstration project and to implement and evaluate a twelve-month demonstration project.

(b) The commissioner is further authorized to identify one nursing home willing to implement the demonstration project. The commissioner shall report on the effectiveness of the demonstration project to the senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee and the house Health and Human Resources committee no later than March 1, 2005.

SECTION 4. The participating facility shall be reimbursed for costs incurred from participation in the twelve-month demonstration project. Such reimbursement shall be made through a grant from the nursing home resident protection trust fund, as defined by §68-11-827, in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.